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SUBJECT: LON NOL LETTER TO PRESIDENT NIXON

1. FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF THE
TEXT OF A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT LON NOL TO PRESIDENT
NIXON. WE WILL POUCH THE ORIGINAL.

2. BEGIN TRANSLATION:

PHNOM PENH, JANUARY 31, 1974

MISTER PRESIDENT,

YOUR RECENT LETTER DATED JANUARY 26, 1974 IS A COMFORT
AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC, AS WELL AS FOR MYSELF, IN OUR DETERMINATION AND OUR
STRUGGLE.

AS I HAVE UNDERLINED TO YOUR EXCELLENCY ON NUMEROUS
OCCASIONS, MY GOVERNMENT HAS AS ITS CONSTANT AND PRIMOR-
DIAL TASK THE STRENGTHENING OF ITS EFFORTS FOR DEFENSE
AND SOLIDARITY OF ALL OUR FELLOW CITIZENS. OUR ENEMIES,
STRONGLY UNDER OBEDIENCE TO NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISM,
PERSIST, HOWEVER, IN THEIR CRIMINAL STUBBORNESS TO
SLAUGHTER OUR FORCES, OUR TROOPS, OUR CIVILIAN POPULATION
AND OUR CLERGY.

MY GOVERNMENT AND I ARE FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT THE
ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT WHICH YOUR EXCELLENCY HAS JUST
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VIGOROUSLY REAFFIRMED WILL SOON CONTRIBUTE TO SHORTEN THE
SUFFERINGS OF OUR PEOPLE, WHO HAVE RESISTED ENEMY AGGRES-
SION THESE FOUR YEARS, AND WILL BRING A DECISIVE VICTORY
FOR THE REESTABLISHMENT AND CONSOLIDATION OF PEACE IN THE

REGION.

I RENEW TO YOUR EXCELLENCY, WITH MY DEEP GRATITUDE, THE ASSURANCES
OF MY VERY HIGH AND VERY CORDIAL CONSIDERATION.

/S/ LON NOL

MARSHAL LON NOL

END TRANSLATION.

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